

RECORD OF APPEAL  
FROM A DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWDate Appeal Filed With City Clerk: 8/3/2004B.A.R. Case # 2005-0164Address of Project: 1520, 1522 and 1524 King Street

Appellant is: (Check One)

☐ B.A.R. Applicant☒ Other Party. State Relationship Concerned Citizens

Address of Appellant: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: see ltr - e-mailed earlierState Basis of Appeal: See attached.

Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

A Board of Architectural Review decision may be appealed to City Council either by the B.A.R. applicant or by 25 or more owners of real estate within the effected district who oppose the decision of the Board of Architectural Review. Sample petition on rear.

All appeals must be filed with the City Clerk on or before 14 days after the decision of the B.A.R.

All appeals require a \$150.00 filing fee.

If an appeal is filed, the decision of the Board of Architectural Review is stayed pending the City Council decision on the matter. The decision of City Council is final subject to the provisions of Sections 10-107, 10-207 or 10-309 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Debra L. Dorman  
Signature of the Appellant  
for Group.



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Jackie, good afternoon.

I would like to thank you and your staff for your help in filing our appeal to BAR Case #2005-0164, and we appreciate your notification letter alerting us that our appeal will be considered at the October 15th public hearing.

May I ask that the docket information include the names of the following individuals as having filed the appeal.

Comments: Lillian J. White  
Pat Troy  
Katy Cannady  
Boyd Walker  
Douglas Thurman

Again, our thanks.

Doug



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Jackie, good afternoon.

Thank you for your help yesterday with the filing of our appeal. I am on my way over with a check for the filing fee, and I promised you phone numbers for the Appeal Committee members:

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Pat Troy (703) 615-9453

**Comments:** Katy Cannady (703) 549-9386

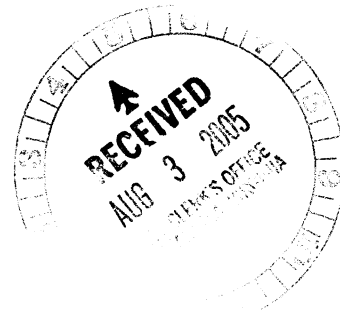
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Again, our thanks.

Doug Thurman

Mayor Euille and City Council  
City Hall  
Alexandria, VA 22314



Mayor Euille and City Council,

We wish to appeal the Board of Architectural Review – Old and Historic District - BAR Case # 2005-0164 action to demolish and capsulate at 1520, 1522 and 1524 King Street. This appeal is made under Alexandria Zoning Ordinance 10-107 (A) (2) “Whenever the Old and Historic Alexandria District board of architectural review shall approve an application for a certificate of appropriateness or an application for a permit to move, remove, capsulate or demolish in whole or in part, opponents to the granting of such certificate or of such permit shall have the right to appeal to and be heard before the city council; provided, that there is filed with the clerk of the city council, on or before 14 days after the decision of the board”.

Lillian J. White

Pat Troy

Katy Cannady

Boyd Walker

Douglas Thurman

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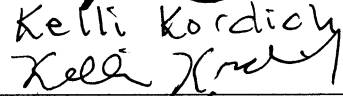
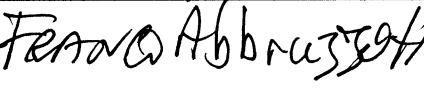
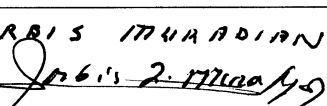
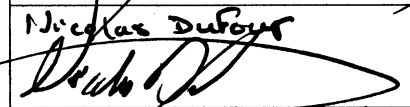

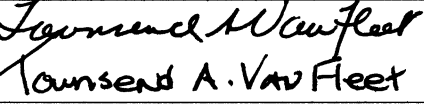
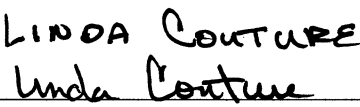
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EXHIBIT NO. 2

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Docket Item #  
BAR CASE #2005-00164

City Council  
September 20, 2005

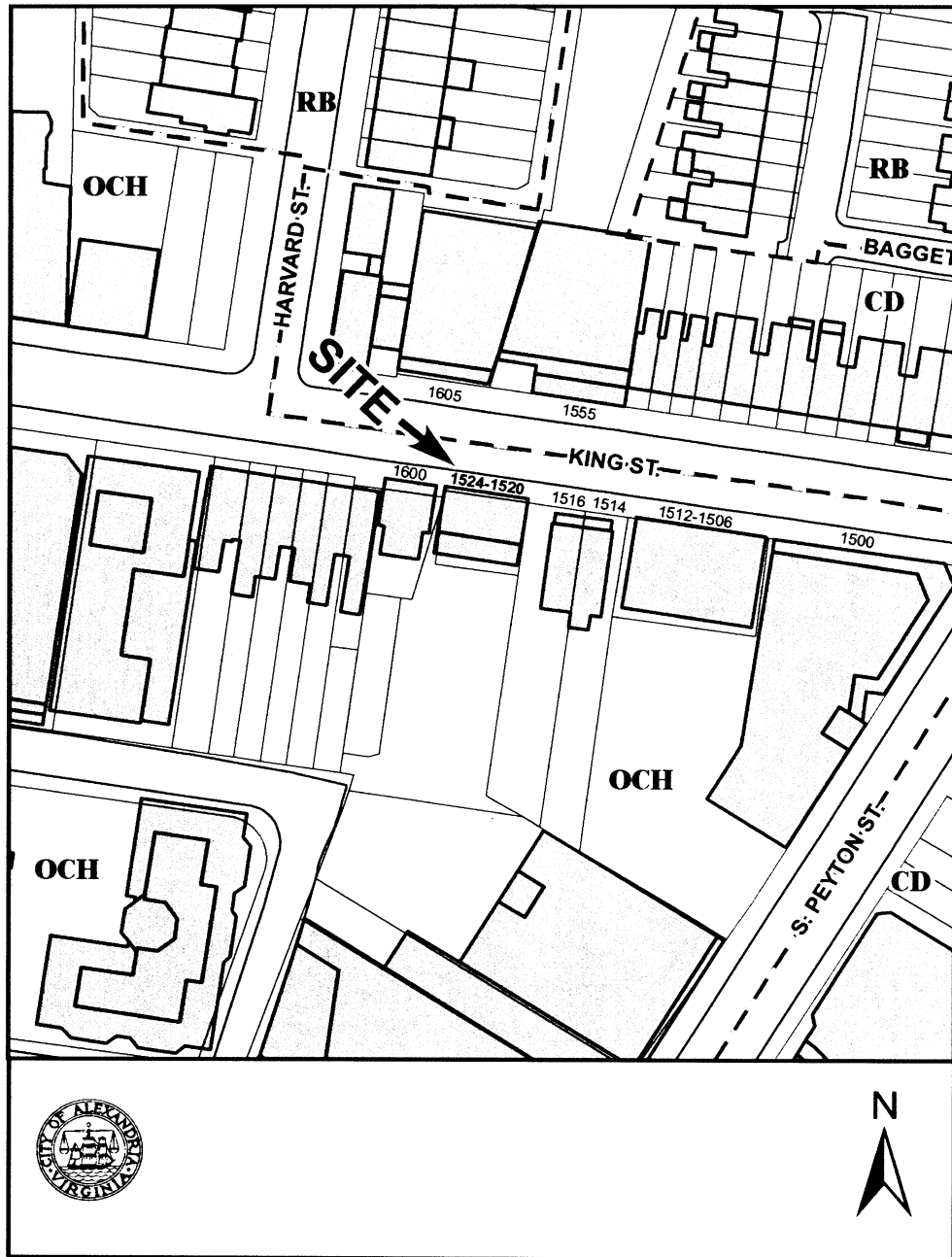
**ISSUE:** Appeal of a decision of the Board of Architectural Review, Old & Historic  
Alexandria District approving a Permit to Demolish & Capsulate

**APPELLANT:** Lillian White, Pat Troy, Katy Cannady, Boyd Walker, and Douglas  
Thurman on behalf of petitioners

**LOCATION:** 1520, 1522, 1524 King Street

**ZONE:** OCH Office Commercial

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## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The applicant is requesting approval of a Permit to Demolish portions of the individually designated 100 Year Old Buildings at 1520, 1522 and 1524 King Street. The portion to be demolished is a one story shed section at the rear which extends across the width of the three buildings.
- These buildings are part of mixed use retail and residential building project that was approved by the Planning Commission on April 5, 2005 and the City Council on April 16, 2005.
- This mixed use site is not within the Old and Historic Alexandria District and does not require BAR review and approval. However, the Old & Historic Alexandria District Board of Architectural Review (BAR) does have purview over buildings on the 100-year old building list in accordance with Section 10-300 of the zoning ordinance.
- At a public hearing on July 20, 2005, the Old & Historic Alexandria District BAR approved the demolition and capsulation of the one-story shed section at the rear of 1520, 1522, 1524 King St by a vote of 5-0.
- The decision of the Old & Historic Alexandria District BAR was appealed on August 3, 2005 by a group of at least 25 citizens, in accordance with Section 10-309 of the zoning ordinance.
- The shed in the rear of 1520, 1522, and 1524 was altered in significant ways in the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century after the original building was built in the mid-19th Century. Removal of this rear shed will not affect the streetscape and view along King Street, it is only partially visible from the public right of way, and will allow the full quality of the original building to be restored and visible in the rear.
- Staff recommends that Council support the decision of the Board of Architectural Review and approve the Permit to Demolish and Capsulate as submitted.



**Figure 2** - Front of 1520, 1522, 1524 King Street



**Figure 3** - Aerial of 1520, 1522, 1524 King Street



## II. BACKGROUND

According to the 100 year old building designation form prepared in 1977-1978, the buildings at 1520, 1522 and 1524 King Street are small scale domestic structures which have a mid-19th century date of construction. They are two stories in height constructed of brick and have gable roofs and a modillion cornice. On the front, the buildings have been altered with modern storefront windows.

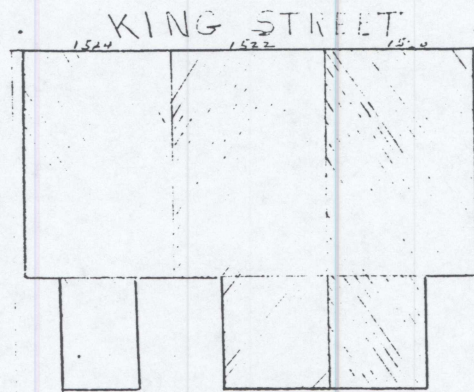
The section to be demolished at the rear uses the same American bond brick pattern as the original building, but there is evidence that it has been significantly altered in the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The rear section may have been built for storage purposes. At any rate, it was clearly subservient to the front two story main historic block. The rear section displays none of the even minimal embellishment found on the front of the main block and crowds the second floor windows.



**Figure 4 - Current rear shed**

The current shed as shown in Figure 4 covers the entire rear of the buildings.

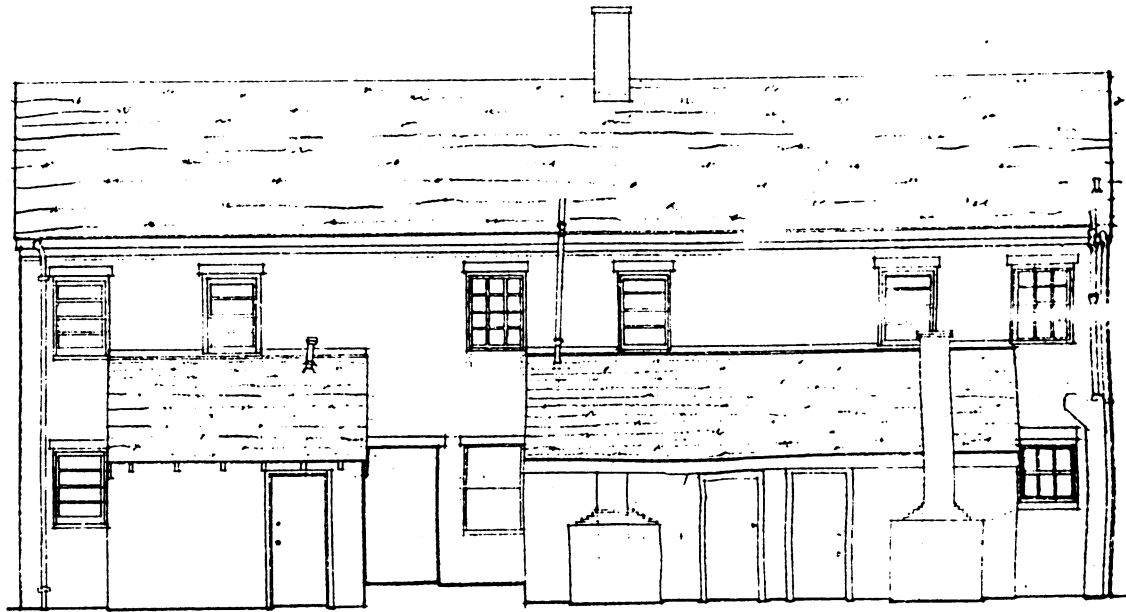
However, after the BAR hearing, the staff identified Sanborn maps from the 1920s through the 1990s that show smaller sheds behind each of the three buildings. A 1947 application for a building permit for a freestanding toilet in the rear yard of the property shows a diagram of the main buildings (Figure 5). Each building has a rear structure that seems separate from one another and is not the same as the continuous shed that is present today. Staff has located a 1983 building permit application that notes a BAR approval for changing the three shed arrangement to a continuous shed roof. One drawing that accompanied the application showed the existing rear of the buildings. Another drawing shows the shed configuration approximately as it is today. See Figures 6 and 7. Clearly the rear portion was reconstructed in 1983.



**Figure 5 - Site sketch of buildings from a 1947 permit application**

The side of the shed is visible from the public right of way, but only when looking down the alley from the street.

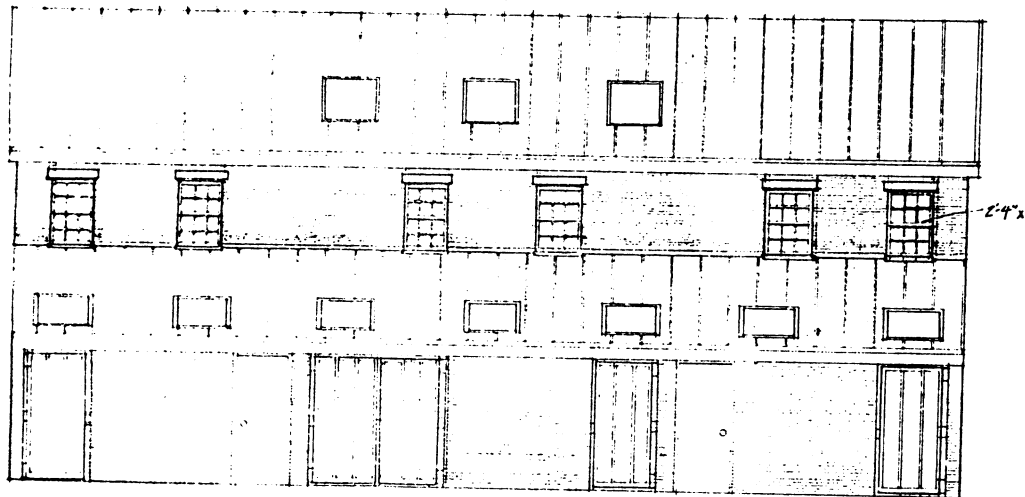
**PRE 1983**



**SOUTH ELEVATION**

**Figure 6 - Rear of 1520, 1522, 1524 King Street as it existed in 1983**

**POST 1983**



**Figure 7 - Rear of 1520, 1522, 1524 King Street as proposed in 1983 - similar to what exists today.**

### **III. STAFF ANALYSIS**

In considering a Permit to Demolish/Capsulate, the Council must consider the following criteria set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, §10-105(B):

- (1) Is the building or structure of such architectural or historical interest that its moving, removing, capsulating or razing would be to the detriment of the public interest?
- (2) Is the building or structure of such interest that it could be made into a historic house?
- (3) Is the building or structure of such old and unusual or uncommon design, texture and material that it could not be reproduced or be reproduced only with great difficulty?
- (4) Would retention of the building or structure help preserve the memorial character of the George Washington Memorial Parkway?
- (5) Would retention of the building or structure help preserve and protect an historic place or area of historic interest in the city?
- (6) Would retention of the building or structure promote the general welfare by maintaining and increasing real estate values, generating business, creating new positions, attracting tourists, students, writers, historians, artists and artisans, attracting new residents, encouraging study and interest in American history, stimulating interest and study in architecture and design, educating citizens in American culture and heritage, and making the city a more attractive and desirable place in which to live?

The decision of the BAR and City Council must be based on a finding that these criteria have been met. Criteria (1) through (5) clearly do not apply in this situation as they are intended to encompass more than the utilitarian shed that is proposed to be demolished.

At the time of the BAR hearing, the only criterion that could be considered in this case is Criterion (6) for its general theme of promoting a general interest in American history. Both the Board and the staff agreed that Criterion #6 was not met in this instance. The shed at the rear of the properties did not advance the understanding of the historic main block of these landmarks. Nor do they provide general information that contributes to understanding American history.

With the additional information about the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century reconstruction of the shed, none of the criteria apply.

Removal of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century shed at the rear of the buildings is appropriate. The existing rear shed does not reflect the architectural character of the original. The removal of the existing additions will not compromise the 100 year old building in any manner. Its removal will actually allow the original 19<sup>th</sup> Century buildings to be viewed without the 20<sup>th</sup> Century additions.

### **IV. RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Council support the decision of the Board of Architectural Review and approve the Permit to Demolish and Capsulate.



**ATTACHMENTS**

July 20, 2005 staff report for BAR Case #2005-00164

Docket Item #16  
BAR CASE# 2005-0164

BAR Meeting  
July 20, 2005

**ISSUE:** Permit to Demolish and Capsulate

**APPLICANT:** DSF Long King Street I, LLC

**LOCATION:** 1514-1518, **1520, 1522, 1524**, 1600-1602 **King Street** & 1602 Dechantel Street

**ZONE:** OCH Office Commercial.

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**BOARD ACTION, JULY 20, 2005:** The Chairman called the question based upon the Staff Recommendation which was: approval of the application as submitted. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-0.

**REASON:** The Board agreed with the Staff analysis.

**SPEAKER:** Alice Myers, neighbor, spoke in opposition  
Michael Hobbs, President, Old Town Civic Association, asked for addition time to allow OTCA to evaluate the proposed demolition  
Charlotte Hall, President-elect, KSMET, spoke in support  
Johnathan Rak, attorney representing DSF Long King Street I, LLC, spoke in support

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

Note: This docket item requires a roll call vote.

**I. ISSUE:**

The applicant is requesting approval of a Permit to Demolish portions of the individually designated 100 Year Old Buildings at 1520, 1522 and 1524 King Street. The portion to be demolished is a one story shed section at the rear which extends across the width of both buildings.

**II. HISTORY:**

According to the designation form, 1520, 1522 and 1524 King Street are small scale domestic structures which have a mid-19th century date of construction. They are two stories in height constructed of brick and have gable roofs and a modillion cornice. On the front, the buildings have been altered with modern storefront windows. The section to be demolished at the rear is likely contemporaneous or nearly so with the construction of the front portion because it uses the same American bond brick pattern. The rear section may have been built for storage purposes or for a use such as a stable. At any rate, it is clearly subservient to the front two story main historic block. The rear section displays none of the even minimal embellishment found on the front of the main block. The rear section has been somewhat more heavily altered than the front section with new doors and windows as well as skylights.

**III. ANALYSIS:**

In considering a Permit to Demolish/Capsulate, the Board must consider the following criteria set forth in the Zoning Ordinance, §10-105(B):

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In the opinion of Staff, the one criteria that might be met in this case is Criteria #6 for its general theme of promoting a general interest in American history. The other criteria are intended to encompass more than the unitarian shed that is proposed to be demolished. However, Staff does

not believe that Criterion #6 is met in this instance. The shed at the rear of the properties do not advance the understanding of the historic main block of these landmarks. Nor do they provide general information that contributes to understanding American history. Therefore, it is the opinion of that none of the criteria are met and that the Permit to Demolish should be approved.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the application as submitted.

## CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F- finding

### Code Enforcement:

C-1 Prior to the issuance of a demolition permit or land disturbance permit, a rodent abatement plan shall be submitted to Code Enforcement that will outline the steps that will taken to prevent the spread of rodents from the construction site to the surrounding community and sewers.

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STATEMENT REGARDING TRAFFIC AND  
DEVELOPMENT ON UPPER KING STREET

City Council: September 20, 2005

Ernie Hazera - City Resident and Taxpayer

Dear messrs and mesdames:

I am writing for the record regarding proposed  
developments on Upper King Street--specifically  
the blocks of 1500 - 1700 King Street. I believe  
several dockets are affected.

At any rate, I am an 8-year resident of Harvard Street in that part of town and I have lived mostly in Old Town Alexandria since 1980. I am a homeowner and I pay my share of taxes. I believe as a taxpayer I have as much of a right as commercial or development interests to be heard. I hope my comments are entered for the record.

**Comments:**

Last night at the Upper King Street Neighborhood Association meeting, I listened intently to the comments by our mayor. He talked at great length about the accomplishments of his administration, including reduced crime rates, increasing home values (that he said, indicate the desirability of living in Alexandria), and the city's efforts to gain control of traffic congestion, which he blamed to a large degree on pass-through traffic from Fairfax and beyond. He didn't really address the other cause for traffic--in-city development.

I have learned in recent weeks about significant new developments in my part of town. Their impacts should be viewed in conjunction with developments in adjoining areas: Braddock Road Metro, new condos along Route 1 and Cameron, etc. I asked a very pertinent question: where are we going to put all of the cars from people that live and work in these new developments since, as we all know, many or most people aren't going to commute or travel via Metro. They're going to get in their cars and contribute to the gridlock that already exists in the area of Upper King Street, especially at or near the King Street Metro. Anyone visiting the intersection of King, Commonwealth, and Cameron at 6 p.m. knows exactly what I am talking about.



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Subject Item 26 1520-1524 King Street Misstatement in Staff  
Report

#26  
9-20-05

I noticed a "gross misstatement" on page 16 of the Staff Analysis in the last paragraph.

**"The removal of the existing additions will not compromise the 100 year old building in any manner"**

Mr. Hal Phillips, City Land Use Chief, visited "inside the building for the FIRST time yesterday" and saw that the removal of the 1st story "shed" takes away 3 of the 4 bathrooms in the building. The demolition removes **all** of the electrical, heating and air-conditioning systems for the building. There is no place within the remaining building to relocate these systems. These facts show the error of the above sentence.

**Charlie**

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September 20, 2005

Dear Mr. Hartmann,

#26  
9-20-05

I would like to respond to comments regarding the report our viewing team turned in to deny the request of vacation of public right of way at 1514 - 1602 King Street. The fact that no one remembers a denial in recent history should not preclude that denials don't exist! Unless "denial" takes on another connotation.

I specifically take issue with the Vacation of Public Right of Way process. First, all members of the viewing team received a letter requesting that we view said parcel. We were never given *specific* instructions or guidance. I'm sure staff will concur that we stated we did not understand the requirement to view this parcel and I requested a full explanation of exactly what a Vacation meant. It appeared that the horse was out of the barn since the Planning Commission and City Council both had *approved* the Special Use Permit (SUP). Why would citizens be asked to review/decide on something *after* government approval?

Ignacio Pessoa, city attorney, graciously explained the process in lay terms. Once we understood that the viewing was a legal requirement we undertook the assignment with sincerity and respect. We even went so far as to inquire how the businesses in the middle building felt since their building would remain when the adjacent buildings around them would be removed/demolished. What we learned about their lease and what was written in the staff report differed considerably. As we struggled with exactly what we were tasked to do and what the focus was, we again went back to city staff and inquired exactly what was being vacated. Once again Mr. Pessoa was the only one who responded to our inquiries. Mr. Pessoa reported he was out of town and he requested Planning and Zoning staff to respond. This is not a judgement, but a comment on what we experienced. When we asked for specifics, Planning and Zoning did not respond. Even after directed to respond by the city attorney.

For this reason I take exception to Mr. Jonathan Rak's letter of September 8, 2005. At no point or place does the city staff report explain exactly what vacation is requested. To further complicate matters, the staff report cites both King Street and Dechantel Street. Unless there is a convergence of King and Dechantel we had no guidance on what we were viewing. Repeated requests went unanswered. If this is an example of city process this is a sad state of affairs.

This vacation of right of way request is reminiscent of another SUP in the city. An SUP that was a subset of the Ben Brenman Park project with a pedestrian bridge that was installed 100 feet downstream without proper process or review. Citizen outcry in that case in 2000 resulted in the Planning Department revamping their process in how adjacent land owners are contacted and placing the communication in plain English. In the recent case, there wasn't even obscure language..

I respectfully suggest that when citizens are called upon to participate in required legal

land use matters, that a clear and precise process exist that removes all doubt of what the task requires.

When a citizen review panel is needed, said citizens should be identified and “invited” to witness any dialogue and discussion, such as Planning Commission, Board of Architectural Review, and/or City Council. To be asked to review after these discussions take place appears out of sequence. Not that citizens who view vacation requests *have* to view previous discussions; but at least this allows responsible consideration in the process.

I was fortunate to view a video tape of the Saturday City Council discussion of this property. If I understood correctly, the city attorney identified a state code that allows for protection of historic properties that are outside protected historic districts. Visual appeal/approach to a historic district constitutes and supports protection of properties.

As the viewers considered this parcel, the surrounding area, and the entire ambience of King Street, we felt compelled to explain the reason behind our decision. To hear the legality of our report questioned brought an amused thought, “were 19<sup>th</sup> century Virginians asked to view and then gagged?” I think not.

The definition of vacation of right of way implies the use of a public road. Our public road, our Main Street, is surely King Street. No other Metro jurisdiction has the quality and number of historic buildings other than Georgetown. For this reason, we chose to deny the request. If Alexandria wants to promote and market the historic fabric of Old Town during December or any other time of year, then we need to protect and preserve our architectural heritage. And not vacate our duty to preserve what makes Alexandria “Alexandria.”

Back to the question of process, I also don’t understand how the BAR was asked to accept this project, after City Council had already voted its decision. I can’t explain the logic or schedule of this land use process. And I certainly can’t explain why there isn’t a report or signature from an appropriate city historic commission or board on the BAR report. I strongly suggest that the entire land use process be reviewed for properties that comply with the city’s designation as “historic.” And a definition of what “historic” actually means. One building alone or the ambience and atmosphere of a block, section, or area of Old Town? Historic geographic districts are arbitrary but age of buildings, and/or the use of buildings, are not arbitrary.

I leave the wisdom of voting to demolish “sheds” without understanding clearly the “use” of said sheds to the bodies voting. One quick view of what the shed actually is leaves one to wonder how well governing bodies understand or study what they vote on.

Respectfully yours,

Elizabeth Wright

Statement of Michael E. Hobbs  
on behalf of the  
Old Town Civic Association  
City Council  
September 20, 2005

Appeal, Case BAR 2005-0164  
Permit to Demolish and Capsulate at 1520, 1522 & 1524 King Street

Thank you, Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Pepper, and members of Council. I am Michael Hobbs, speaking on behalf of the Old Town Civic Association.

The narrow question before you is an appeal of a Permit to Demolish portions of the 100 year old building at 1520-1522-1524 King Street.

In fact, the plan is also to demolish 1514 King Street, and all but the façade at 1600 King St. These buildings, taken together, constitute and exemplify a very important part of Alexandria's cultural and commercial history. But they were not before the BAR, and are not before you now, as we understand it, because they are neither in the Old and Historic District nor are they individually-designated 100 year old buildings outside the district. It is ironic that they miss by just a few feet having the full protection of the BAR's review because the boundary of the Old and Historic District runs down the middle of King Street in this block. Were they on the other side of the street, they would all have been on the BAR's docket for review.

Old Town Civic Association has testified previously in general support of this project. We find much about it that is commendable, in particular the plan for mixed residential and retail use in the vicinity of the King Street Metro, the provision for off-street parking, the publicly accessible open space, and the modest scale of that portion of the project fronting directly on King Street. But we are concerned about the process by which this question has come before you this evening, and about whether and how that question fits into the larger policy context in your deliberations.

The narrow question before you is the appeal of the BAR's decision to permit the demolition of a portion of one of the three existing buildings on the site. The larger question is whether and how we can protect the historic context of these and many other buildings along the King Street corridor—how we can best balance the sometimes conflicting demands of economic development and historic preservation, what our standards for historic preservation should be, and how our governmental process can assure that those standards are broadly understood, consistently respected, and effectively applied.

On the narrow question of the demolition of the rear of the building at 1520 King Street, opinions will (and obviously do) vary. But we respectfully suggest that it is not an adequate response simply to assert that this demolition, or the project of which it is a part, are "consistent with the *King Street Retail Strategy*." The *King Street Retail Strategy* nowhere speaks to the demolition of any portion of this building. Indeed, quite the contrary, it specifically says that "the City should require the preservation" of this building, and an illustration in the report

captioned "Buildings to preserve" prominently identifies this and the neighboring building at 1600 King with the legend, "SAVE". Consistently throughout the staff report that you had before you when you approved this project, "preservation" or "retention" of the building at 1520 King is cited as a positive benefit of the plan. The plan is said to "respect the historic context" of the site by "maintaining the integrity of the 100 year old building." Staff reports having worked with the applicant "to ensure that the fabric of the original historic building is retained."

If the appellants raised no public objection to this proposed demolition before the BAR meeting of July 20, that is perhaps understandable in this context, and you ought not hold their earlier silence against them. Nowhere in the *King Street Retail Strategy*, nor in the staff report prepared for the Planning Commission and this Council and available for public inspection, is there any mention or discussion of demolition of any portion of this building—and, indeed, the impression that is left is quite the contrary.

The larger question of the fate of all three of these existing buildings, and similar nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings on King Street, poses more significant questions than the fate of this rearward-facing portion of one building. Those questions should be addressed fully, openly, and candidly by the City and the community before any irrevocable decisions are made. Those decisions should be the result of informed debate and clearly articulated public policy—not the unintended, unforeseen or unnoticed consequence of the narrow, technical operation of the rules. It does not seem to make the best common sense to say that we should cherish and protect the building that is before you tonight because it is more than 100 years old—but that the buildings on either side of it have no protection because they are a few years younger. And it makes even less sense to say that buildings on one side of a given block of King Street may enjoy the full protection of the BAR, but that buildings of the same vintage, style, architectural value and historical importance across the street may enjoy no protection at all. Those may be the rules, given the present boundaries of the Old and Historic District and jurisdiction of the BAR; but "rules", as the wise man said, "may make decisions easy, but rob them of wisdom."

For the present, we urge you to grant this appeal: not for the purpose or effect of reversing your prior approval of this project, which on the whole we believe is quite admirable—but rather, to allow one further opportunity for the applicant, the staff and the community to address the merits of the narrow question involving the addition at the rear of this building, and at least to consider whether there might be any possibility of modifying the structure of this project in a way that accomplishes its own purposes, but that also preserves more of the historic fabric of these three buildings.

On the larger question, we urge that you, the Planning Commission, the BAR, and the staff take advantage of the opportunity afforded by a "time out" on the immediate issue, to consider whether and how we might strengthen and refine our process for consideration of public policy and planning issues in such a way as to make it more likely that at the end of the day, all interested parties and members of the public will feel that they have understood the issues at the beginning of the process, not just at the end; and that regardless of the outcome, they have had a full and informed opportunity to participate fairly and effectively in that process.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council:

I will be away from Alexandria and unable to  
attend the public hearing on Sept. 20 so I am  
writing to express my thoughts on the appeal of  
the BAR decision regarding the property at 1514  
-1602 King Street.

Last spring the prospective developer of this  
property made a short presentation at the  
Rosemont Citizens Assn. That presentation  
suggested that the 150 year old Charleston  
Ordinance style building would be completely  
preserved and that only a modern building would

be demolished. I assumed all was well and paid no more attention to this project.

Only recently did I come to find out that the modern building slated for complete demolition is the double town house at 1514-1516 King Street. This building was built in 1913. It is not by any means a modern building. It is in fact one of a type of building that occurs all along both King Street and Duke.

**Comments:**

Houses of this kind give upper King Street its character and interest. If we tear down this one, I don't know what reason can be mustered to disallow the demolition of all the others. Landowners will always find it advantageous to replace these buildings with much larger structures and by demolishing 1514 - 1516, we will have opened the flood gates for this.

As for the very old, one of kind, Charleston Ordinance style building, it is not really going to be saved at all. I found out recently that the rear wall that was constructed around 1846 is to be encapsulated into the new four story condo building. In other words this wonderful old building, still fully occupied by commercial tenants, is to be transformed into a strange little appendage on a large modern structure.

This entire project needs to be rethought. Even if 1514 - 1516 were to be preserved as they should be and the Charleston Ordinance building not encapsulated so that it ends up as a strange little oddity, there is still space in the parking lot at the rear, a very large space by Alexandria standards, to build a large building.

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Honorable William D. Euille, Mayor and  
Members of City Council  
City of Alexandria  
City Hall, Room 2300  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Re: Docket Item #26: Appeal of the Old and Historic Alexandria Board of Architectural Review, BAR Case #2005-0164.

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of Council:

I am writing on behalf of DSF Long King Street I, LLC ("Applicant") in response to the appeal of the Old and Historic Alexandria Board of Architectural Review's ("BAR") July 20, 2005 decision to grant a permit to demolish and encapsulate a portion of the building located at 1520 - 1524 King Street. We respectfully request that you uphold the BAR's well founded decision to grant this permit to demolish for the following reasons.

**The Demolition of the Shed Attached to the Building Located at 1520-1524 King Street is the only subject of this Appeal**

There are three buildings on King Street that are affected by this development located at 1514-1516 King Street, 1520-1524 King Street and 1600-1602 King Street. However, the only building that is required to apply for a Permit to Demolish before altering or demolishing the building is the building at 1520-1524 King Street which is the subject of this appeal.

The two-story red brick building located at 1520-1524 King Street was built in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century and was placed on the 100-Year Old Building List in 1977. Therefore, all exterior changes are subject to the review and approval by the BAR, including demolition. As noted, the Permit for Demolition is limited to the shed addition, which was built in 1983. The main portion of the building is being preserved as part of this project, and in fact, the removal of the recently added shed will restore the historic significance of the original 19<sup>th</sup> century building by restoring it to a more original state and exposing it to the public courtyard.

**The Buildings Located at 1514-1516 King Street and 1600-1602 King Street Do not Require any BAR Review to Alter or Demolish**

The building located at 1514-1516 King Street is not on the 100-Year Old Building List because it is not 100 years old. (This building is often referred to as the "white" building.) City records show that a building permit was issued for this building in 1913 and tax records indicate that the building was built and taxed by 1915. The approved Development SUP includes removal of this building and replacement with a new building along King Street with retail uses on the ground floor and condominiums above, in effect, "living above the store". To provide more useable retail space, the ground floor was designed to comply with the recently adopted requirements of the King Street Retail Strategy. The removal of the existing building at this

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location does not require a BAR Permit to Demolish because it is not on the 100-Year Old Building List and is not located within the Old and Historic Alexandria District. The applicant agreed as part of the approval of the Development Special Use Permit to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the architecture of the new construction at this location. As noted, that application is currently pending with the BAR.

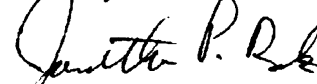
Likewise, the building located at 1600-1602 King Street is also not on the 100 Year Old Building List because it is also not 100 years old. (This building is referred to as the "pink" building.) The City's records indicate that this building was built between 1912 and 1921, with the building first showing up on the Sanborn Insurance Maps in 1921. At the request of the City, the development will preserve the front façade of this building and replace the core of the building with retail uses on the ground floor and residential uses above. As with the building at 1514-1516 King Street (the "white" building), the removal of the back of this building does not require a BAR Permit to Demolish because the building is not on the 100 Year Old Building List and is not located within the Old and Historic Alexandria District. Likewise, the architecture of this building will be reviewed by the BAR as part of the Certificate of Appropriateness for the project that is pending with the BAR.

**The BAR Decision to Grant this Permit to Demolish was Correctly Decided**

The BAR correctly determined that none of the necessary criteria set forth in Section 10-105(B) of the Alexandria Zoning Ordinance are met by the removal of this shed. The review of their decision must be limited to whether the criteria were correctly applied to this decision. As presented in the Staff report to Council, the demolition of the recent shed addition does not take away from the historic significance of this building. The historic main portion of the 19<sup>th</sup> century building will be restored and preserved by the proposed development. The shed was a recent addition and includes doors, windows and skylights that cloud the historic significance of this building. Removing the shed will bring the building much closer to its original state and will improve, rather than decrease, the historic significance of this building. Clearly the shed does not meet the criteria because it is a very minimal part of this building, it is modern in age, and it cannot fully be seen from the right of way and therefore has not had a significant positive influence on the historic character of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century building.

We, therefore, request that you uphold the BAR's decision to grant this permit to demolish and allow this worthy project to go forward in the manner proposed.

Sincerely,



Jonathan P. Rak

cc: Eileen Fogarty, Director of Planning and Zoning  
Brian Selfe, The Long Company  
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The Office of the Mayor and City Council  
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RE: 1520, 1522, 1524 King Street  
Appeal of Permit to Demolish and Capsulate

This letter is in support of the decision by the Board of Architectural Review Old and Historic District to approve the Permit to Demolish and Capsulate the rear shed of 1520, 1522 and 1524 King Street.

As an architect member of the BAR- O&H, I have cast many votes to retain existing structures in the Historic District, even many of those that have been labeled as shacks or substandard structures. Also, I was the only BAR member than voted to deny demolition of Gunston Hall.

As a Board, the decision to demolish structures is a judgment call, based on the criteria set forth in the Zoning Ordinance 10-105(B). There have been many applications where we have approved the demolition of rear structures. At my site visit, I could see that the shed structure had been radically remodeled and altered by the evidence of contemporary roof material, doors, skylights and brick. Base on this site observation, I cast my vote to allow for demolition.

With the new information of the 1983 building permit, this is an easy decision. It's a good looking shed, but it does meet the criteria to allow for demolition.

Very truly yours,

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Representing the petitioners appealing the decision to demolish and capsulate  
1520, 1522, 1524 King St.

Statement for City Council  
RE: Docket Item 26  
Date: Sept. 20, 2005

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council,

I represent the over 50 petitioners who appealed BAR Case #2005-0164 to Demolish and capsulate 1520, 1522, 1524 King St. and I represent the appeals committee that has formed in order to represent the argument before you tonight. There are several reasons the rear of these properties should not be demolished, and I would like to outline each one according to zoning ordinance 10-105(B).

1. Is the Building or Structure of such architectural or historical interest that its moving, removing, capsulating or razing would be to the detriment of the public interest?

Yes. These buildings are on the edge of The Old and Historic District of Alexandria, and are protected under the ordinance that created the district that also protects buildings listed as 100 years old. The building was a listed building when it went before the BAR in 1983 as the new staff report shows, and the one story rear of the building clearly existed before 1983. The property was referred to as a Charleston Ordinance building and the owner at that time worked with the BAR to enclose the alleyway between two of the buildings and to change the appearance of the one story rear of the building so that it went completely across the back of the building. The property lies outside the boundary of the Sanborn survey maps and might of even been located over the Alexandria line in Fairfax county when it was originally built, according to the Office of Historic Alexandria. OHA is currently seeking Fairfax County Tax records in order to make a determination about properties on Upper King St.

2. Is the building or structure of such interest that it could be made into a historic house?

Yes. This property was probably built as a multiple dwelling unit, and therefore could be turned into a historic residence. Unfortunately this is not the case if the one story rear of the structure is demolished as this is where the mechanical systems and bathrooms are located it will not be usable as a historic house. In fact it will have functional obsolescence. I would like to also point out that the standard for historic preservation in Alexandria is not whether a historic property makes a good retail space, but whether it can be made into a historic house. In this case that would return it to its historic use, and would help achieve the goal of putting residents on King St.

3. Is the building or structure of such old and unusual common design, texture and material that it could not be reproduced or reproduced only with great difficulty?

Yes. This is a very unusual building that does not fit either Colonial architecture or Victorian architecture, and certainly must be one of the oldest surviving structures on Upper King St. The one story rear of the building existed before 1983, presumably in its original condition. Since the city does not keep records of staff reports or plans back to 1983 it is difficult to say what was rebuilt, although it appears as if the original bricks were used in the construction. In fact, figure 5 of the new BAR report shows that the one story rear existed in 1947. The report also shows that sheds appeared between the 1920's and 1990's on the Sanborn Maps. If the rear is allowed to be demolished it will be impossible to re-create, because this small portion of the historic structure must be razed in order for the developer to complete the project as proposed.

4. Would retention of the building or structure help preserve the memorial character of the George Washington Memorial Parkway?

Yes. Even though this property is not located on the parkway, it too is along the gateway to Old Town, and helps to preserve the character of George Washington's hometown.

5. Would retention of the building or structure help preserve and protect an historic place or area of historic interest in the city?

Yes. The one story rear of this building is part of the history of this property and is integral to the history of the property. The less prominent rear of these buildings are part of the story and the historic structures were likely essential to the functioning of the building, making it possible for people to reside in them. There is no evidence that there was ever a period of time during these buildings existence that the one story rear did not exist, so removing them will not reveal the original appearance but in fact will alter it. The buildings were never intended to look the same from the rear as they do from the front. The rear portion is visible from the public right-of-way and will be even more visible from the public plaza that is being proposed, so the historic appearance from all sides is important. The 1500 hundred block of King St. is a very historic area, that included the Old Virginia House Hotel, later the Morgan House. It is very likely that these buildings originally housed hotel staff or employees.

6. Would retention of the building or structure promote the general welfare by maintaining and increasing real estate values, generating business, creating new positions, attracting tourists, students, writers, historians, artists and artisans, attracting new residents, encouraging study in architecture and design, educating citizens in American culture and heritage, and making the city a more attractive and desirable place to live?

If we change the historic appearance of 100 year old buildings, and set a precedent for doing the same to other historic structures along King St. we are altering history. Does

American history only include the most prominent part of historic structures, or is not history embodies in the sum total of the main and secondary structures. Could 19th Century citizens of survived without a well or a privy, or cool storage. Whatever these one story rear portions were used for was essential for survival in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and are equally important now for the survival of the property either as residential or retail. In fact, Historic Preservation has been the real economic engine for Alexandria. Tourists, students, historians, etc. all benefit from an understanding of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Alexandria. Real Estate values, as we know, have doubled in Alexandria in the last 5 years, and there continues to be a very strong interest in living in Historic Properties in the Old and Historic District.

It is unfortunate that the only 5 members of the BAR were present July 20 agreed to the demolition before approving of the entire concept. This project was approved by council first before concerns about the demolition of a portion of this historic property and demolition of two adjacent properties and the retention of only the façade of the third property could be heard. There needs to be a be a stronger emphasis on preservation in the city, and planning must make a concerted effort to work together with HAF, HARC, and OHA and the preservation community.

The complete demolition of 1514-1516 King St. to create a supposedly better retail is completely unacceptable. These buildings can both be historic residences and quaint retail shops or a restaurant, and the building being proposed to replace them is not an improvement, and will only be suitable for a suburban building that could be found anywhere. There is no reason to re-create a pseudo colonialism on Upper King St. in the Victorian/Railroad area of Old Town. The new structure copies the worst of the large imitation mansard roofs that loom over both King and Washington, and will loom over these buildings. The pink antiques building will only be left with its façade, its current lower windows that have no historic context and another mansard roof will be added on the top, completely altering its appearance.

We are not opposed to the possibility of a development over the rear parking lot of this sight, but not at the cost of the historic streetscape and fabric of King Street. It is unfortunate that these buildings were not included in the Historic District but maybe we can look again at the boundaries of the district. We would like to ask the developer to come back with a plan that leaves all three buildings (7 addresses) on King St. as free standing structures with rear access, so that their can still be the possibility of retail that needs rear loading. The proposal by the developer as it stands now, is not preservation, and the proposed six story structure does not fit in with the historic context of the streetscape and of Old Town. Our group will be forming a more formal structure to work towards preservation throughout Alexandria and we look forward to your denial tonight of this demolition permit, and to working with you in the future. We will also be back at the BAR when the concept is put back on the docket, although we again hope the developer will come back with a proposal that will help to preserve our Historic community, without the demolition of any portion of the structures on King St.



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Jackie, good afternoon.

On behalf of the Appeal Committee I would like to request 15 minutes for us to speak on Docket Item: #26, at the September 20th Public Hearing.

Comments: May I also use this message to sign up to speak before Council at that time, or do I need another form?

Thank you,

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Subject Item 26 1520-1524 King Street Misstatement in Staff Report

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I noticed a "gross misstatement" on page 16 of the Staff Analysis in the last paragraph.

**"The removal of the existing additions will not compromise the 100 year old building in any manner"**

Mr. Hal Phillips, City Land Use Chief, visited "inside the building for the FIRST time yesterday" and saw that the removal of the 1st story "shed" takes away 3 of the 4 bathrooms in the building. The demolition removes **all** of the electrical, heating and air-conditioning systems for the building. There is no place within the remaining building to relocate these systems. These facts show the error of the above sentence.

**Charlie**

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DOCKET ITEM NO. 26

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4. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ITEM?  
FOR: \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST: ☒ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
5. NATURE OF YOUR INTEREST IN ITEM (PROPERTY OWNER, ATTORNEY, LOBBYIST, CIVIC INTEREST, ETC.):  
Attorney
6. ARE YOU RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR THIS APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL?  
YES ☒ NO \_\_\_\_\_

This form shall be kept as a part of the permanent record in those instances where financial interest or compensation is indicated by the speaker.

A maximum of three minutes will be allowed for your presentation, except that one officer or other designated member speaking on behalf of each *bona fide* neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association desiring to be heard on a docket item shall be allowed five minutes. In order to obtain five minutes, you must identify yourself as a designated speaker, and identify the neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association you represent, at the start of your presentation. If you have a prepared statement, please leave a copy with the Clerk.

Additional time not to exceed 15 minutes may be obtained with the consent of the majority of the council present; provided notice requesting additional time with reasons stated is filed with the City Clerk in writing before 5:00 p.m. of the day preceding the meeting.

The public normally may speak on docket items only at public hearing meetings, and not at regular legislative meetings. Public hearing meetings are usually held on the Saturday following the second Tuesday in each month; regular legislative meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month. The rule with respect to when a person may speak to a docket item at a legislative meeting can be waived by a majority vote of council members present but such a waiver is not normal practice. When a speaker is recognized, the rules of procedures for speakers at public hearing meetings shall apply. If an item is docketed *for public hearing* at a regular legislative meeting, the public may speak to that item, and the rules of procedures for speakers at public hearing meetings shall apply.

In addition, the public may speak on matters which are not on the docket during the Public Discussion Period at public hearing meetings. The mayor may grant permission to a person, who is unable to participate in public discussion at a public hearing meeting for medical, religious, family emergency or other similarly substantial reasons, to speak at a regular legislative meeting. When such permission is granted, the rules of procedures for public discussion at public hearing meetings shall apply.

## Guidelines for the Public Discussion Period

- (a) All speaker request forms for the public discussion period must be submitted by the time the item is called by the city clerk.
- (b) No speaker will be allowed more than three minutes; except that one officer or other designated member speaking on behalf of each *bona fide* neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association desiring to be heard during the public discussion period shall be allowed five minutes. In order to obtain five minutes, you must identify yourself as a designated speaker, and identify the neighborhood civic association or unit owners' association you represent, at the start of your presentation.
- (c) If more speakers are signed up than would be allotted for in 30 minutes, the mayor will organize speaker requests by subject or position, and allocated appropriate times, trying to ensure that speakers on unrelated subjects will also be allowed to speak during the 30 minute public discussion period.
- (d) If speakers seeking to address council on the same subject cannot agree on a particular order or method that they would like the speakers to be called on, the speakers shall be called in the chronological order of their request forms' submission.
- (e) Any speakers not called during the public discussion period will have the option to speak at the conclusion of the meeting, after all docketed items have been heard.